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WASHINGTON, D. C. December 31, 1964. John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announced today that the concert on Sunday evening, January 17th, will honor the Inauguration of President Johnson and Vice President-Elect Humphrey. The program will be devoted to "The Republic", a patriotic cantata on music and documents of the American Revolution and early days of the United States, by Richard Bales.

Mr. Bales will conduct the National Gallery Orchestra, assisted by the Church of The Reformation Cantata Choir and soloists: Peggy Zabawa, Soprano; Jule Zabawa, Baritone; Hugh O'Meagher, Harpsichord; John Allen, Speaker; and Whitford Hall at the Tape Recorder. Preceding the performance of "The Republic" the Liberty Bell will be heard via transcription, sounding thirteen strokes for the original thirteen states. Performances of "The Republic" have become a tradition at the National Gallery prior to Inauguration since Mr. Bales composed the work in 1955.

The concert will take place on Sunday evening, January 17th, at eight o'clock in the East Garden Court. No tickets or reservations are required; and the concert will be carried live in entirety on Station WGMS, AM and FM.